

Multi-Tepal Flowers

The multi-tepal category requires that all the flowers must have more than six tepals present.



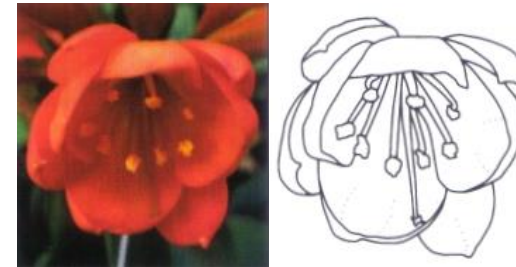
The simplified description, at present, is that all the flowers must have seven or more tepals present. Often the stigma is 'four lobed' in a multi-tepal flower. Ideally, all the flowers must have the same number of tepals. The 'multi-tepal flower group' may further be divided into: colour groups and also tepal number groups.

Polytepalous Flower (Supernumerary or 883 Flower):



Flowers that contain additional layers of tepals and stamens while retaining the normal 3 lobed stigma.

884 Flower:



Flowers that contain 8 tepals, 8 stamens and a 4lobed stigma (a tetrafid stigma). (This flower may have a fourth locule [chamber] in the ovary. This does not mean that there will be seeds in that locule, although there can be.)

As per Illustrated Terms and Definitions for Describing Clivia by William McClelland